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Attachment 1 – Barren Island Supplemental Information (4 Pages)

5. Project Description

The Barren Island restoration project is in Dorchester County and will be the smaller portion of the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project (Mid-Bay Project) (see Attachment 2 – Pages 1, 2, and 3). Currently, Barren Island is 138 acres, and is protected by 4,850 linear feet of stone sill (see Attachment 2 – Pages 2 and 5).

The restoration project will include the construction of approximately 13,023 linear feet of new and modified stone sills and 4,620 linear feet of segmented breakwater to immediately provide increased protection to the eroding Barren Island and to the extensive submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) beds to the east of the Barren Island, and installation of 2 bird islands (approximately 8.5 acres total) and approximately 83 acres of wetlands (see Attachment 2 – Page 2). The stone sills and breakwater will be constructed on top of geotextile fabric and composed of a small stone base topped with larger armor stone ranging from 2,100 to 4,100 pounds. The stone sills will be constructed to an elevation of +3.52 feet NAVD88 and the breakwater to an elevation of +5.52 feet NAVD88 (see Attachment 2 – Page 7).

Once the confining sills are constructed, and dredged material is available, the project's habitat components will be constructed. Approximately 429,000 cubic yards of authorized maintenance material dredged from small local federal navigation channels will be placed behind the confining stone sills up to the Mean High Water elevation. Since several dredging cycles would be required to meet the material capacity of the proposed restored wetland acreage, this is considered a longterm restoration project. Placed dredged material will be used for the restoration of approximately 83 acres of wetlands/mudflats (see Attachment 2 - Pages 2 and 9). Wetlands will include low and high marsh plantings as well as some intertidal mudflats. During final wetland development planning, current conditions will be evaluated with respect to sea level rise projections and determinations of sustainable marsh elevations to identify high to low marsh ratios. Acreages of high marsh and low marsh depicted in the impacts table (see Attachment 2 - Page 11) represent wetland ratio ranges of 80/20 to 50/50 low marsh to high marsh. It is anticipated that a higher proportion of high marsh would be designed to enable migration of low marsh with sea level rise versus conversion to open shallow water. Tidal exchange will be established through use of open tidal guts or outfall structures after the material is stabilized (see Attachment 2 - Page 2). The design will aim to take advantage of any freshwater flow from the island to augment tidal gut flow. To the extent practicable, wetlands will be designed to allow for estuarine connectivity via gaps and tidal creeks to maximize value to fisheries resources.

At the southern end of the restoration project, two small bird islands will be integrated into the breakwater. The bird islands will range from 3.5 – 5 acres for a total of approximately 8.5 acres (see Attachment 2 – Page 2). The bird islands are designed using tiered elevation control structures and stone sills to confine approximately 154,000 cubic yards of suitable/approved sandy fill material (see Attachment 2 – Page 8). The bird island designs incorporated natural resource agencies' input to allow for greater distance from the main Barren Island and between the two islands to avoid predation, while maintaining benefits to SAV bed habitat with the use of a segmented breakwater design. The stone confining units to the west are designed to withstand erosional forces based on Hydraulic & Hydrologic (H&H) modeling, while the east side is designed to allow chicks to enter the tidal waters. Occasional wash over will assist with vegetation control.

Approximately 52,500 cubic yards of unsuitable foundation material will be dredged from the depicted northeast Barren Island stone sill location to an approximate depth of 7 feet (see Attachment 2 – Pages 2 and 7). The dredged material will be placed hydraulically or mechanically

within the confined area found behind the constructed sills at Barren Island as depicted in the Dredged Material Management Plan. Suitable/approved sandy fill material will be placed in the void created by removal of the unsuitable material to create a solid structurally sound base for the northeast sill.

This project was designed by a multi-disciplinary team through the processes documented in the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (2008). Monitoring and management of the project will be performed through use of an annual monitoring framework, habitat development framework, and adaptive management plan, similar to the Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island.

6. Project Purpose:

The purpose of the Mid-Bay Project is to: restore and protect wetland, aquatic, and terrestrial island habitat for fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals; protect existing island ecosystems to prevent further loss of island and aquatic habitat; provide dredged material placement capacity for Federal navigation channels; increase wetlands acreage in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; decrease local erosion and turbidity; promote conditions to establish and enhance submerged aquatic vegetation; and promote conditions that support oyster recolonization.

Section 11. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation

This project is an ecosystem restoration project that will provide a myriad of environmental benefits including but not limited to: shoreline protection for remote island habitat as well as the neighboring mainland, protection of over 1,000 acres of potential SAV beds, improvement of water quality, and wetland/habitat creation (approximately 83 acres of wetland and 8.5 acres of bird island habitat). Through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process as well as the Pre-Construction Engineering Design Phase, every effort has been made to maximize environmental and ecosystem benefits where practical. Extensive natural resource agency coordination occurred and continues to occur through this adaptive management process. See Attachment 2 – Page 11 for impacts.

Environmental Impact Statement Alternatives Analysis Summary

The EIS plan formulation was conducted to determine a recommended plan that would provide ecosystem benefits within site-specific constraints and meet the long-term dredged material placement needs. The plan formulation process had two primary phases, both of which included various ranking, scoring, and screening processes. First, potential locations suitable for a large island restoration project and meeting the project objectives of habitat restoration and dredged material capacity were identified. Feasible alternative alignments were then developed to meet the engineering and environmental design constraints for the potential site (or sites).

The process to select a site for large island restoration had two components: 1) identify all potential locations for a large island restoration project within the study area (105 total existing or former island sites), and 2) rank these sites using engineering criteria, environmental criteria, and public input to eliminate sites that were not feasible. Eight feasible island sites were carried forward for additional consideration using the environmental criteria ranking process developed by the Bay Enhancement Working Group (BEWG) as part of the State of Maryland's Dredged Material Management Program process. The environmental ranking process evaluated sites

based on 52 parameters to determine each site's environmental suitability as a dredged material placement site. Based on the results of the island site selection process, James and Barren Islands were selected for detailed alternatives development.

Four Barren Island alignments, five James Island alignments, and 20 additional alignments that were combinations at both James Island and Barren Island were used to develop an array of 145 feasible alignment alternatives for evaluation. The screening of the alternatives involved multiple analysis tools, including: 1) geographic information system (GIS) analysis, 2) engineering and design suitability screening, 3) ecosystem benefits determination [using Island Community Units (ICU) analysis], 4) cost effectiveness/incremental cost analysis, and 5) input from resource agencies. Once feasible alignment alternatives were identified, these alignments were optimized to maximize ecosystem benefits and placement efficiency by evaluating multiple wetland/upland proportions in conjunction with variable upland dike heights, minimization of the project footprint, and resource agency input.

<u>Barren Island - Pre-Construction Engineering and Design Phase Alternatives Analysis</u> <u>Summary</u>

Six alignments of the breakwater were formulated and underwent H&H modeling. The H&H modeling estimated water surface elevations, surge heights, and various velocity metrics with and without project during a series of 25 storms. Velocity was selected as a metric to evaluate affects to submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) habitats.

Initially, the first 5 alternatives were evaluated. These included no breakwater, the full breakwater depicted in the feasibility report, a short breakwater, a short breakwater with 2 bird islands, and a short breakwater with a segmented portion. The sixth alternative was formulated using the results of the initial modeling and geotechnical information. It was identified that the foundation below the bend in the long breakwater was poor for breakwater construction and would require foundation replacement. The modeling results suggested that the protection to SAV habitat could be achieved with a shorter breakwater, and that the breakwater did not need to be continuous. The sixth configuration was devised to account for separations suggested by resource agencies to minimize risks of predation to nesting birds, and to avoid the poor foundation.

The seventh and recommended configuration includes additional input from the resource agencies to provide further distance between Barren Island and the bird islands while maintaining SAV habitat protection. Based on modeling results, it is estimated that the proposed configuration would reduce or maintain existing maximum water velocities experienced during the modeled storms. Additionally, the proposed configuration will minimize the impacts and costs associated with the longer breakwater and associated unsuitable foundation replacement.

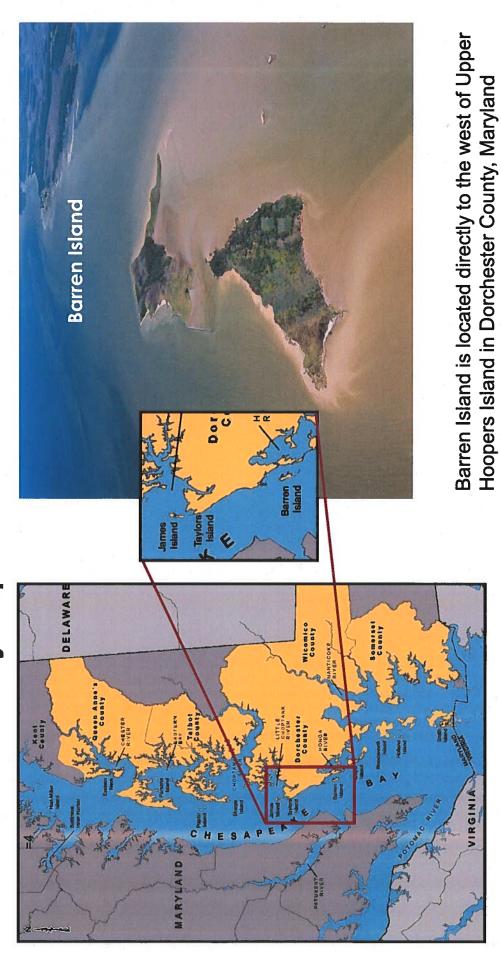
Additional Information

Please find additional information about the extensive planning process for this project in the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report and environmental Impact statement (EIS) in the following location: https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Mid-Bay/

Wetland Delineation: The 2020 wetland delineation report and LiDAR data were utilized to create the existing resources map and calculate wetland impacts over the site. The 2020 report is included for review.

Attachment 2 – Project Impacts, Plans, and Figures (11 Pages)

Barren Island Vicinity Map





Barren Island Restoration Plan

The restoration effort at Barren will be comprised of the following components: modification or installation of 13,023 ft of protective stone sill, installation of 4,620 ft of southern breakwater, installation of 2 bird islands (8.5 acres total), and installation of ~83 acres of wetlands. Final design of the wetlands will depend on current conditions at construction. Currently, six outfall locations are planned to allow for tidal exchange.



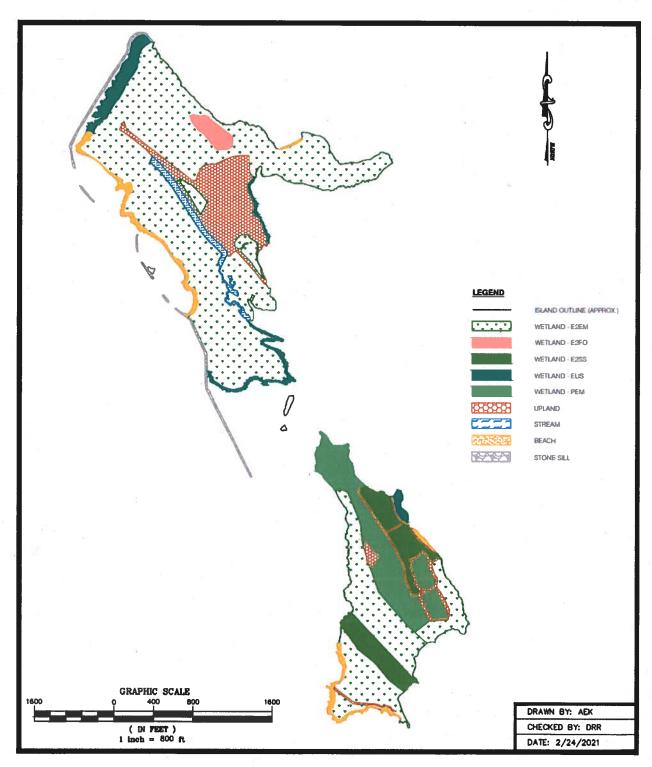
Barren Island Natural Resource Map

Barren Island is located approximately 1 mile west of Upper Hoopers Island. Once constructed, the protective stone sills and southern breakwater will provide not only shoreline protection for Barren Island and Upper Hoopers Island, but protection of the extensive submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) bed (over 1,000 acres) to the east of Barren Island.



Barren Island and Historic and Navigation Channel Location

Barren Island is located approximately a quarter mile south of the Honga River channel, which is the only channel in the immediate vicinity.



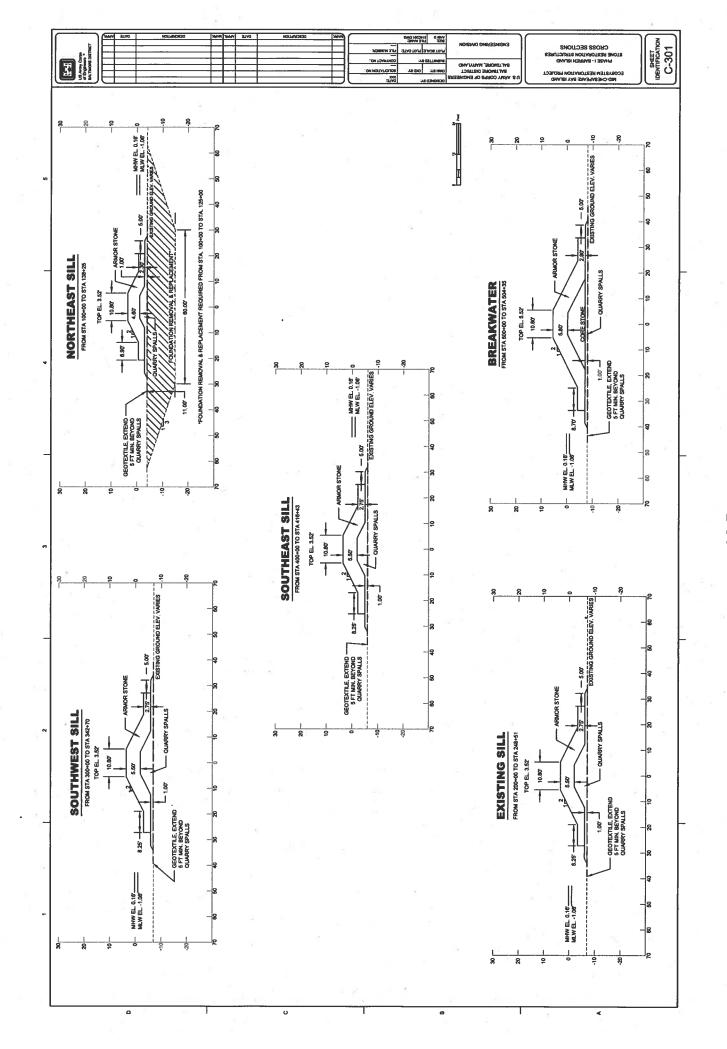
Page 5 – Barren Island Existing Resources

Of the 138 acres remaining of Barren Island, over 80 acres of wetland habitat is present. Once the restoration project is complete, approximately 83 acres of wetland will be added. The above resource map was created using 2020 LiDAR data and the 2020 wetland delineation study.

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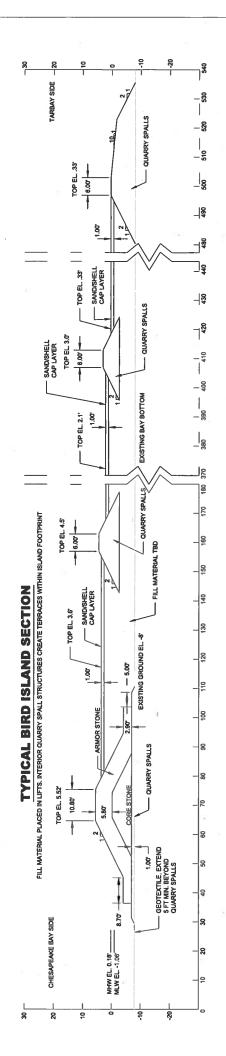
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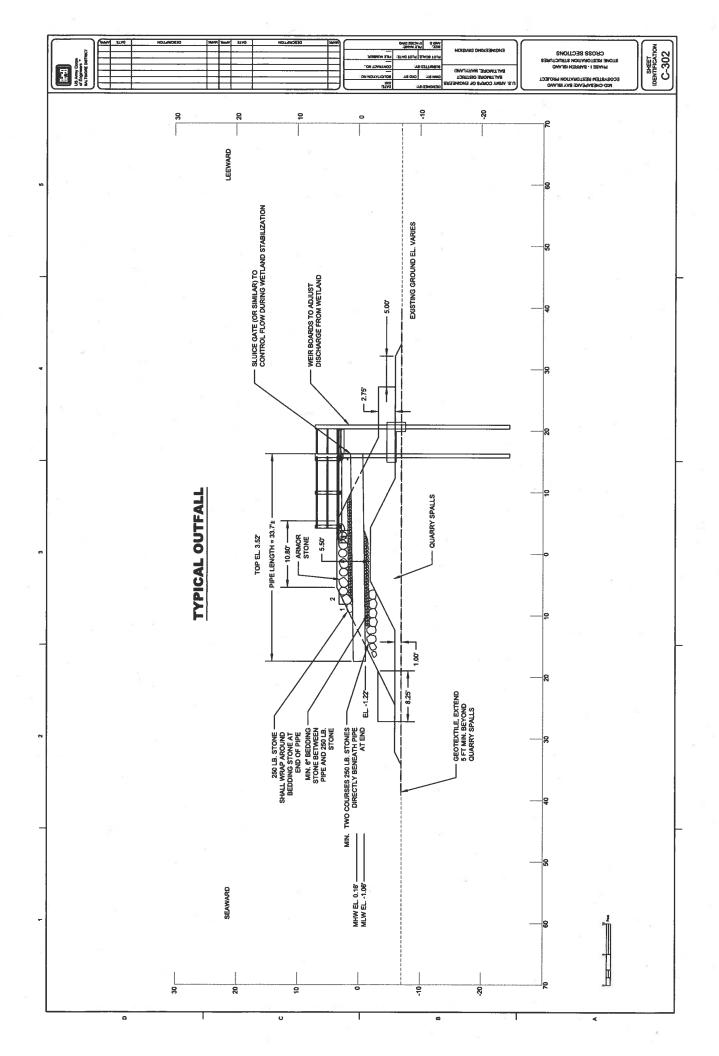
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Barren Island Impacts Table

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Bird Island Impacts								
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Attachment 3 - Barren Island Adjacent Property Owners (9 Pages)

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Attachment 4 - Barren Island Dredge Material Management Plan (1 Page)

Barren Island Dredged Material Management Plan for Unsuitable Foundation Material Dredging

To effectively construct the Barren Island restoration, substantial sand material is necessary to construct stable dike structures to reduce wave energy and contain future dredged material, which will allow construction of wetlands, construct the two bird islands, and to replace foundation materials that are not structurally suitable for marine construction.

Unsuitable foundation material (see Attachment 2 – Pages 2 and 7) will be dredged using hydraulic or mechanical (clamshell bucket) dredging methods. Should hydraulic methods be implemented, the dredge vessel will use a cutter head dredge to vacuum the material and transport it to Barren Island using a pipe from the dredge to the placement location. Should mechanical methods be implemented, a barge with a large clamshell excavator will dredge the material and place it on an adjacent barge which will then be mobilized to Barren Island and unloaded using mechanical methods to the placement location. The unsuitable foundation material will be used to restore wetland habitat behind the confining sills.

Suitable sand material used for fill/foundation material will be placed directly in the excavation discussed above. Any sand material used for dike construction will be stockpiled behind the stone structure and will be mechanically placed. The sand material used to construct the bird islands will be placed at the bird island location after the breakwater structures have been constructed.